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1. OUR PREVIOUS SECURITY ASSESSMENT WAS BASED ON: A) THREATS
AGAINST NATO OFFICERS IN IZMIR, B) AN AMBUSH THREAT BY ACILCILER
(LOCAL TERRORIST GROUP), C) THE BLACK JUNE THREAT AND D) THE
GENERAL DETERIORATION OF THE INTERNAL SECURITY SITUATION.
THERE HAS BEEN NO NEW INFORMATION DEVELOPED OR RECEIVED CONCERNING
THE NATO OR ACILCILER THREATS. THE BLACK JUNE THREAT APPARENTLY WAS
A COMPOSITE OF TWO DIFFERENT REPORTS AND LOST MUCH OF ITS VALIDITY.
POST AND LOCAL POLICE OFFICIALS FEEL THAT THE GENERAL SITUATION
APPEARS TO HAVE STABILIZED WITH A SLIGHT LESSENING OF THE OVERALL
THREAT. IF THE CURRENT LEVEL OF BOMBINGS AND VIOLENCE SHOULD
CONTINUE, THE NUMBER OF BOMBING INCIDENTS WILL HAVE DOUBLED
OVER '77 FIGURES, BUT THE NUMBER OF PERSONS KILLED WILL
REMAIN CLOSE TO THE SAME. PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT HAS
CONTINUALLY TAKEN A STAND AGAINST IMPOSING MARTIAL LAW BUT
HAS YET TO TAKE DRASTIC MEASURES TO CUT THE VIOLENCE.
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IF THE COUNTRY CAN MAKE IT TILL JUNE WITHOUT A FURTHER
UPSURGE IN VIOLENCE, THE UNIVERSITIES WILL CLOSE DOWN AND
THIS WILL GIVE ECEVIT AND THE POLICE A CHANCE TO CONSOLIDATE
THEIR FORCES AND POSSIBLY DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT PLANS TO CURB
FURTHER VIOLENCE ACTS. NEGATIVE CONGRESSIONAL ACTION ON THE
EMBARGO COULD CAUSE THE LOCAL TERRORIST AND POLITICAL GROUPS
TO HEIGHTEN THEIR EMPHASIS ON U.S. TARGETS.

2. THE 12-HOUR MSG COVERAGE AT THE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE WAS TERMINATED MAY 8 AT 0730 HOURS. A DAILY EVENING CHECK WILL BE CONTINUED, AND EXTRA COVERAGE WILL BE PROVIDED FOR SPECIAL EVENTS AT THE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE.

3. SINCE REFTTEL, THE FOLLOWING HAS BEEN DONE:

A) AUTHORIZATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED TO HIRE BODYGUARD/DRIVERS FOR THE AMBASSADOR AND DCM.

B) AUTHORIZATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED TO HIRE SIX ADDITIONAL CONTRACT GUARDS TO INCREASE GUARD COVERAGE AT DCM'S RESIDENCE TO 24 HOURS AND TO START A NEW 24-HOUR POST AT THE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE.

C) AIRGRAMS WILL BE FORTHCOMING ON THE LOBBY PROJECT. THE AMBASSADOR AND DCM'S RESIDENCES WERE INSPECTED AND AIRGRAMS WILL BE FORTHCOMING ON PROPOSALS FOR SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS.

D) SURVEY WAS INITIATED TO IDENTIFY BUILDINGS WHERE AMERICAN PERSONNEL CURRENTLY RESIDE THAT COULD BECOME POTENTIAL TARGETS BECAUSE OF OTHER OCCUPANTS.

E) EMBASSY HAS INITIATED A SURVEY TO IDENTIFY BUILDING THAT COULD BE USED TO CENTRALIZE STAFF HOUSING.

F) TRAINING SESSIONS WERE HELD WITH THE CONTRACT BODYGUARDS WHICH INCLUDED A PROTECTIVE SECURITY LECTURE AND SHOWING FILMS INVOLVING ASSASSINATION ATTEMPTS.

G) CONTACTED A LOCAL BRITISH CCTV DISTRIBUTOR TO OBTAIN ESTIMATED ON A LOCALLY-PROCURED, INSTALLED AND MAINTAINED CONFIDENTIAL

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CCTV SYSTEM. OF THE POST'S THREE CCTV UNITS, ONE CAMERA HAD TO BE TAKEN TO ATHENS FOR REPAIRS, AND ANOTHER HAS FAILED SINCE TSO'S DEPARTURE APRIL 21.

H) SY COM VEHICLE ARRIVED IN ISTANBUL AND IS AWAITING CUSTOMS CLEARANCE. MC 76 UNIT WAS FORWARDED TO CEO-R DEBNAR FOR INSTALLATION BEFORE TRANSFER OF VEHICLE TO ANKARA. SPIERS

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